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CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS REQUIRED

**The State of New York has adopted a rule that requires
Carbon Monoxide Detection and Alarms
in all new and existing commercial buildings.**

THESE REQUIREMENTS TOOK EFFECT ON JULY 27, 2015

The new regulations are enforced through the
***Fire Code of New York State and
Fire Prevention Law of the Town of Smithtown***

Procedures for filing plans, obtaining the required permit and system installation
can be found on the Town of Smithtown website at:

<http://www.smithtownny.gov/index.aspx?nid=318>

Compliance with these requirements enables the installation of
appropriate and legal carbon monoxide alarms and a safer work environment.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of a carbon monoxide detection system?

Answer: The purpose of carbon monoxide detection systems shall be primarily to provide notification of carbon monoxide, and trouble conditions; to alert the occupants; and to summon aid from the local fire department.

Where is carbon monoxide detection required under this new law?

Answer: Carbon monoxide detection shall be provided in every commercial building that (i) contains any carbon monoxide source and/or (ii) is attached to a garage and/or (iii) is attached to any other motor-vehicle-related occupancy. These requirements shall apply to existing and new commercial buildings.

Are there any exceptions to this new code requirement?

Answer: Yes: **(1)** Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in a commercial building that is classified, in its entirety, as a Storage, Utility or Miscellaneous Utility as described in Chapter 3 of the Building Code of New York State and occupied only occasionally. **(2)** Carbon monoxide detection shall not be required in a commercial building that is a "canopy" as defined in the Fire Code of New York.

When is a permit required in regard to carbon monoxide systems?

Answer: A permit shall be required when: **(1)** Required by law or ordinance. **(2)** A change of use for a particular premise occurs. **(3)** Renovation of the premise occurs. **(4)** Any fire alarm or fire, smoke and/or carbon monoxide detection system is renovated or changed in any way. **(5)** Central Station monitoring is changed.

What about my commercial operating permits issued by the Fire Prevention Division?

Answer: As long as there are no outstanding violations of any laws, codes and regulations enforced by the Fire Marshal, any and all current operating permits will be renewed pending the installation of required carbon monoxide detection and notification. **However, as of July 2016**, no such permits will be renewed or issued until a legal means of carbon monoxide detection and notification has been provided. A person who fails to possess any required permit shall have committed a crime and, therefore, is subject and arrest and/or business closure.